

**MEETING: ESRD ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**DATE: January 18, 2006**

**Attendance: Judy Bellenger, Marlin Gottshalk, Maureen Moore, Cheryl Scott, Dr. Robert J. Shay, Alma Smith, Kathy Wilcox, Sonia Peterson Wynne**

**Absent: Marlene Currier, Kay Norris, Noreen Rogers, Dr. Robert D. Jansen**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION/RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	Kathy Wilcox welcomed all members, reviewed the ESRD council membership requirements as specified by Georgia code and asked everyone to introduce themselves.	All	
<b>Review of Council Goals and Objectives</b>	The council has four goals: 1. Advise the Office of Regulatory Services (ORS) regarding licensing and inspection of ESRD facilities. 2. Review drafts of proposed rules and provide feedback to ORS. 3. Provide general information about ESRD to the department. 4. Identify issues related to ESRD. Kathy explained that the issues discussed should be of broader concern to all of the state of Georgia and deal only with issues associated with the State Rules and Regulations.	All	
<b>Review of Previous Minutes</b>	Kathy asked everyone to review the previous meetings and stated that the minutes will no longer be sent to everyone but will be posted on the ORS website for review. The website is <a href="http://www.ors.dhr.state.georgia.gov">www.ors.dhr.state.georgia.gov</a>	All	
<b>Review for period of July-December 2005</b>	Cheryl Scott reported on the most frequently cited tags in ESRD. Cheryl also stated that 3 facilities closed, and that staff completed 17 complaint investigations, 36 licensure surveys and 8 initial surveys. One finalized adverse action, a revocation action, was reported.	Cheryl Scott, Team Leader Nurse Surveyor	

<b>Self Reports and Adverse Actions</b>	Cheryl Scott reported that as of 12/31/05 there were 220 ESRD facilities. Additionally, Cheryl reported on the number and types of self reports received. Three (3) facilities were cited for failure to notify the department of a reportable incident as outlined in the State Regulations. Three focused surveys were done. ESRD survey staff followed-up on all reports regarding potential compliance issues.	Cheryl Scott, Team Leader Nurse Surveyor	
<b>ORS Website</b>	Kathy informed everyone that state licensure surveys could now be viewed on the ORS website, <a href="http://www.ors.dhr.state.georgia.gov">www.ors.dhr.state.georgia.gov</a>	Kathy Wilcox, Program Director Specialized Care Unit	
<b>Advisory Council Issues</b>	Kathy asked everyone to write down their top five (5) issues from the dialysis community relating to state licensure. Kathy informally went through the list and announced that these issues would be reviewed at the next meeting.	All	
<b>Questions/Comments</b>	Marlin Gottshalk mentioned that a draft bill for certification of Dialysis Care Technicians was in the legislature. A motion was made by Dr. Robert Shay that the board recommend and support National Certification of Dialysis Care Technicians. The motion was seconded and approved.	All	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Kathy scheduled the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 10:30 am at Two Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 33.264.	All	
<b>Public Comments</b>	George Harper thanked ORS and the surveyors for all of their hard work in the community.	George Harper	
<b>ADJOURNED</b>	Meeting adjourned.		